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THE DEVIL'S CODE.

Legend of a Monk, Satan and a Quick Night's Work.

Pearson's Weekly.

Stockholm's public library contains a wonderful work which is called "The Devil's Code" and which, in addition to its extraordinary name, is said to be the biggest manuscript in the world. Every letter is most beautifully drawn, and the magnitude of the work is so great that it seems impossible for any single monk to have done it.

The story of the origin of the manuscript, however, not only gives it as the work of one man, but also states it to be the work of a single night. The story runs as follows:

"A poor monk had been condemned to death, but was told mockingly by his judges that if he was able to copy the whole 'Code' between darkness and dawn he would be saved. Relying upon the impossibility of the task, those who sentenced him furnished him with the original copy of the 'Code' with pen, ink and parchment, and left him.

"Death must have been, as little liked in the middle ages as it is now, for the monk, forgetting the hopelessness of his task, commenced it. Before long, however, he saw that he could not save his own life by such weak exertions, and, fearing a cruel and horrible death, he invoked the aid of the prince of darkness, promising to surrender his soul if he was assisted in the task.

"The devil obliged him by appearing on the spot, accepted the contract and sat down to the work, and next morning 'The Devil's Code' was finished, the monk being found dead. The copying clerk from the infernal regions presumably fled away with the poor man's soul as soon as the wicked contract was finished."

Planting the Seed in the House. Samuel Armstrong Hamilton in Woman's Home Companion for March.

For this purpose make out of any kind of boxes what the florists call "flats," namely, wooden boxes one foot by two, and two and one-half inches deep. In these put a mixture of half sand and loam, made very fine, and drop on the top the seeds so that the seedlings will come up an inch apart, covering with fine soil. When the young seedlings are just above the top of the soil, keep them on the dry side, as there is great danger at this time of "damping off," a fungous disease which affects seedlings at this stage of their growth. When they are two inches high prick them out to two inches apart in other flats and when four inches high pot off into two-and-one-half-inch pots. When these are filled with roots, shift the plants into four-inch ones, pinching out the tops to make them stocky, which will result in more bloom later on when they are set in the beds.

In the section of the country in the latitude of New York, start seeds in the flats in March, and keep in a temperature of sixty-five degrees. When they get into four-inch pots they will have to be held back a little by being put into a cooler place, about sixty degrees, or they will grow too spindly. Should the season outside be late, and the plants be in bud before the time for planting them out arrives, put them in a cool cellar, where you can "hold" them for two weeks without injury.

A general rule to be remembered by all who grow annuals is that the seed pods should be picked off as soon as formed, or the flowers cut before they die, in order to keep them blooming all the season, as many of the finest ones stop blooming as soon as they have formed perfect seed!

Ten Rules for Employees.

1. Take as much interest in your employer's business as if it were your own.
2. Do not expect to get all you can and give nothing. Do a little more work than is demanded.
3. Be prompt. Show that you have an interest in your work above a desire for an extra half-hour in bed in the morning. You can't come down a half-hour late every morning and impress your employer with the idea that you are a wide-awake active man or woman with an interest in your work.
4. Do your work so well today that you won't have to do any of it over again tomorrow.
5. Be cheerful and willing. A sullen countenance is not pleasant to look upon by either an employer or a customer. Remember your pulling power with a customer is one of your assets. The reverse will be your loss. Be courteous. Do not thrust your own troubles and inharmonies upon those around you. It is a poor investment.
6. Be conscientious. Don't take too much interest in ball games, theaters, parties, etc., or you may find that you have not much time left to give to your work. Don't have a relative die too often. Funerals sometimes grow monotonous to an employer during the base ball season or on matinee afternoons.
7. Do not make the same mistake twice.
8. Do not let your thoughts be always wool-gathering if you expect to earn an increase in salary on pay day.
9. Do not shirk your work and be always thinking of the money side of the proposition. Give good value for the money you receive and you will be sure to succeed.
10. Put yourself in your employer's place and figure out what kind of an employer you would hire to get the most out of your business. Then set yourself to try to be that employer.
11. There is no short, easy road to success, but it is well worth traveling.

With The Humorists.

Jones—There are some queer turns in life.

Jinks—I know it: I turned up at a girl's house tonight, got turned down and turned out and now I'm going home to turn on the gas and turn in.

—Town Topics.

The Creditor—When are you going to pay me? I can't get to your place every day, trying to make you settle up. I've got other things to do.

The Debtor—Are you at liberty on Saturday afternoons? Come every Saturday.—Answers.

Old Hunks was settling his coat bill. "I know the prices seem high," said the dealer, "but we can't regulate them. We've got to sell at these figures or go out of business." "I'd rather be held up in the ordinary way," snarled Old Hunks. "The hold-up man merely takes my stuff. He doesn't insult me by offering and apology."—Chicago Tribune.

A girl likes to dance till 4 o'clock in the morning because her mother will be too sleepy after midnight to notice how she is flirting.

A Realistic Joke.

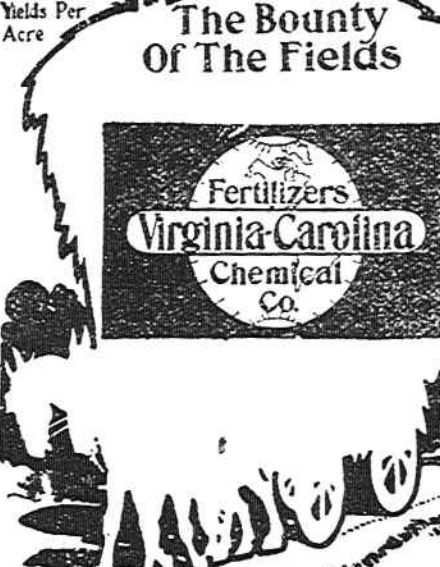
Sir Henry Irving used to tell with glee of a joke that he with Mr. Toole, the comedian, and a third party, played on one occasion at a Glasgow hotel.

After their work they were supping at the hotel, and there was in the room a high screen. The instant the waiter was gone they commenced operations. They stripped the silverware, of which there was a tolerable supply, from the table and placed it behind the screen. They then opened the window and turned out the gas, and finally all got under the table.

The jokers had only to remain in their cramped position a few minutes before they heard the unsteady feet of the waiter along the passage. The darkened room amazed him, and the cold air from the window seemed to strike him with affright.

"Goodness!" exclaimed he. "It's thieves they are. I thocht as much frae the looks o' them and frae their gay talk and their lauchin'. Eh, but I'm a ruined man! I wish I hadna taken the hale o' that last bottle!"

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